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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee for the captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before "Field of the Invention" please insert: This is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/025,709, filed February 18, 1998.

Please add the abstract appended hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-55 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following claims:

56. A vector comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a (poly)peptide, wherein said (poly)peptide comprises an amino acid consensus sequence capable of being identified by the steps of:

- (a) deducing from a collection of at least three homologous proteins one or more (poly)peptide sequences comprising at least one amino acid consensus sequence;